

Showcasing skills to promote community service

SkillsUSA Kentucky Leadership Training Institute (KLTI) provides venue to kick-off statewide community service project with Kentucky State Park System

Leadership training and professional development are the foundation of KLTI; however, this year a special SkillsUSA Kentucky community service project served as a premiere showcase of skills at General Butler State Park on Monday, October 15, 2012. Why? SkillsUSA KY state officers all agreed community service was something they wanted to promote and it was important to lead by example. Since community service is one of the seven major goals that make-up the SkillsUSA



Josie Monarch and Kelli Carpenter paint Gift Shop.



Zachary Evrard

Program of Work, it was logical to kick-off the statewide project at KLTI. Hard work and skilled individuals have always been main stream in the development of our nation... SkillsUSA promotes all of this and more. Therefore, a financially strapped Kentucky State Park system will be the beneficiary of SkillsUSA Kentucky student chapter community service projects during the 2012-13 school year.

The KLTI Fall Conference was held October 15-17, 2012.

Photos (top left): State officers Josie Monarch; bottom left, Kelli Carpenter and at right, Zach Evrard.

SkillsUSA KY has adopted the Kentucky State Park System as one of its top community service projects for 2012-13. The goal was to kick off the statewide community service project during KLTI and match up SkillsUSA KY chapters with other state parks across KY during the year.

Coghill:

“This project gave my students a chance to be creative and still use the skills they have learned in the classroom including all three types of welding – stick, tig and mig.

“They also used plasma cutters and torches to fabricate some of the pieces. The artwork speaks well of their skills and we are proud of their efforts.”

**Project:
Metal Golfer**



Carroll Co. ATC welding students designed and built a six-foot metal golfer. Instructor David Coghill says artwork is valued at \$3,500.

Zach Birch, Carroll Co. ATC SkillsUSA president:

"As president of the SkillsUSA local chapter, I was honored to be a part of building and installing the sculpture at General Butler State Park. The SkillsUSA chapter at Carroll Co. ATC and its members have a positive attitude and push to have an impact in a positive way. We all want to make a difference in not only our own lives, but also for others in the community."





Students getting the golfer in place on the front lawn of the golf course.



Photo above, (l to r): Tyler Carrico, Carroll Co.; Gabe Hemmer, Trimble Co.; Wes Bayne, Trimble Co.; Dave Coghill, instructor; Zach Birch, Carroll Co. and local SkillsUSA president; Devin Bickers, Carroll Co.; Trent Welch, Trimble Co.; and Cory Cornett, Trimble Co.

The beauty of this gift is that students were responsible for its creation (with a little help and creative imagination from their instructor David Coghill). The golfer and bag were constructed using scrap metal that had been collected including a cast-iron skillet (head), an old dryer drum (body), and old lawn mower wheels that serve as a golf bag transport. It's true, "one man's junk is another man's treasure."



Metal Golfer serves as lasting gift from SkillsUSA KY and is prominently displayed on the front lawn of the golf course.

Prior to delivery of the metal golfer to General Butler State Park, it was sent to another KY Tech school to be painted. Mr. Joseph Amann, principal of KY Tech-C.E. McCormick ATC, picked up the golfer and transported it back to his school where auto body repair students, under direction of instructor John Norton, painted the metal golfer. This was done so the sculpture could weather the elements. Special thanks to the C.E. McCormick SkillsUSA members and advisors for their help.

Project: Disassemble HVAC units for scrap metal



Lenville Martin:

“I was a VICA (SkillsUSA) member and understand the importance of community service. As a principal and SkillsUSA regional director, I also understand the positive impact activities like this have on students we supervise. Not only are they participating in something worthwhile, they are providing a service – and, these students feel good about what they have accomplished because they are using the skills they learned in the classroom. We all feel good because we love the state park system in Kentucky. In fact, Jenny Wiley State Park is right down the road from my school and we will look at what we can do to help them in some way over this next year.”



Lenville Martin shows which part of an air conditioner to use for scrap.

Under the direction of SkillsUSA KY Southeast co-regional directors Lenville Martin, Floyd Co. ATC principal and Jim Bob Hamilton, Millard ATC principal, students from disassembled heating and air conditioning units to garner all scrap metal for resale. Each of the units had been cleared of “Freon.”

According to Martin, the scrap, including copper from the wiring inside the units, “is worth between \$2,000 and \$3,000.” The park manager plans to use these funds for updates.



Jim Bob Hamilton (right) works with Lincoln Co. ATC instructor Troy Watts and Jeremy Byrd.

Jim Bob Hamilton:

“Opportunities like this community service project allow our students to use the skills they have learned in their CTE programs for a greater cause – in this case, to help out one of our beautiful state parks. It’s fitting that our SkillsUSA members actively participated in numerous community service projects during KLTJ because they are walking the walk – not only in terms of setting a leadership example, but also in terms of providing skilled services. They stepped up, made a positive impact, and I was proud of their efforts and to work side by side with them.”

Project: Rebuilding Picnic Tables



Above: Advisor Richard Hall and his team members Logan Hall and Anecia Davis begin to assemble wood on the picnic table frames.

Davis: "Helping others in the community makes me feel that one person can make a difference."

Hall: "When you do things for people, it gives you confidence and that helps you make good decisions."

At right: Principal Daryn Morris helps Kyle Deaton, Dominic Jenkins, and Todd Neely take lumber off of a picnic table to get it ready to pass along to another team for reconstruction.



Project: Painting Park Residence Home of the park's business manager



Ray Stanley
Principal



Photo at far left: Ray Stanley, principal of the Eastside Technical Center sets an example for his students by helping them paint.

At left: Students from the Hughes Jones Harrodsburg ATC and Eastside Technical Center were responsible for painting the home of the park's business manager. Supervising advisors were Mr. Roc Moore and his wife Mona (kneeling on the front row).

Painting the home of the park's business manager was a priority. Prior to the actual day of community service at the park, three former SkillsUSA KY state officers (James Bullard, Jason Ballman, and Aaron Whitfill) power washed the home so it would be ready to paint when KLTi volunteers arrived for their project the next day.

Students from Eastside Technical Center and KY Tech-Hughes Jones Harrodsburg Area Technology Center were involved in the massive project and finished early enough to begin painting a second house. They worked until they ran out of paint.

Ray Stanley:

"Helping out at General Butler State Park required students to use their leadership skills. The students divided tasks based on their peers' strengths and coached those who weren't familiar with painting houses. They showed initiative and vision, and were able to work as a team to reach their goal. We were very proud of our students for all their hard work."

Project: Butler-Turpin House Repaired 5 areas of brick walkway



Meghan Jones,
Barren Co. ATC



Barren Co. ATC SkillsUSA volunteers
with advisor Wes Sneed.



Above right: Dr. Dale Winkler, KDE OCTE associate commissioner, works with students to repair a portion of the brick walkway. Dr. Winkler showed his support for the effort by making it a priority to personally take part in the community service project.

SkillsUSA KY students targeted five damaged areas of the brick walkway. The fix: Pull up the bricks, spread sand underneath and then carefully replace all the bricks to smooth out the walking surface. Students from Barren Co. ATC, Butler Co. ATC, Carroll Co. ATC and Southside Technical Center participated in this project.



Butler Co. ATC SkillsUSA members with
advisor Jason Sharp. The team also repaired
the screen door on the Butler-Turpin house.

Jason Sharp:

“KLTi was a wonderful experience for me as well as my students. We are working on building our SkillsUSA chapter at Butler Co. ATC and we feel that KLTi was a first step for getting our students involved.

“The community service project was a great way to get students involved as part of a statewide team and motivate them to carry out additional service at the local level.”

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Above: Carroll Co. ATC SkillsUSA Chapter



Above and far right: Students from Carroll ATC, Southside TC and Eastside TC repair walkway.

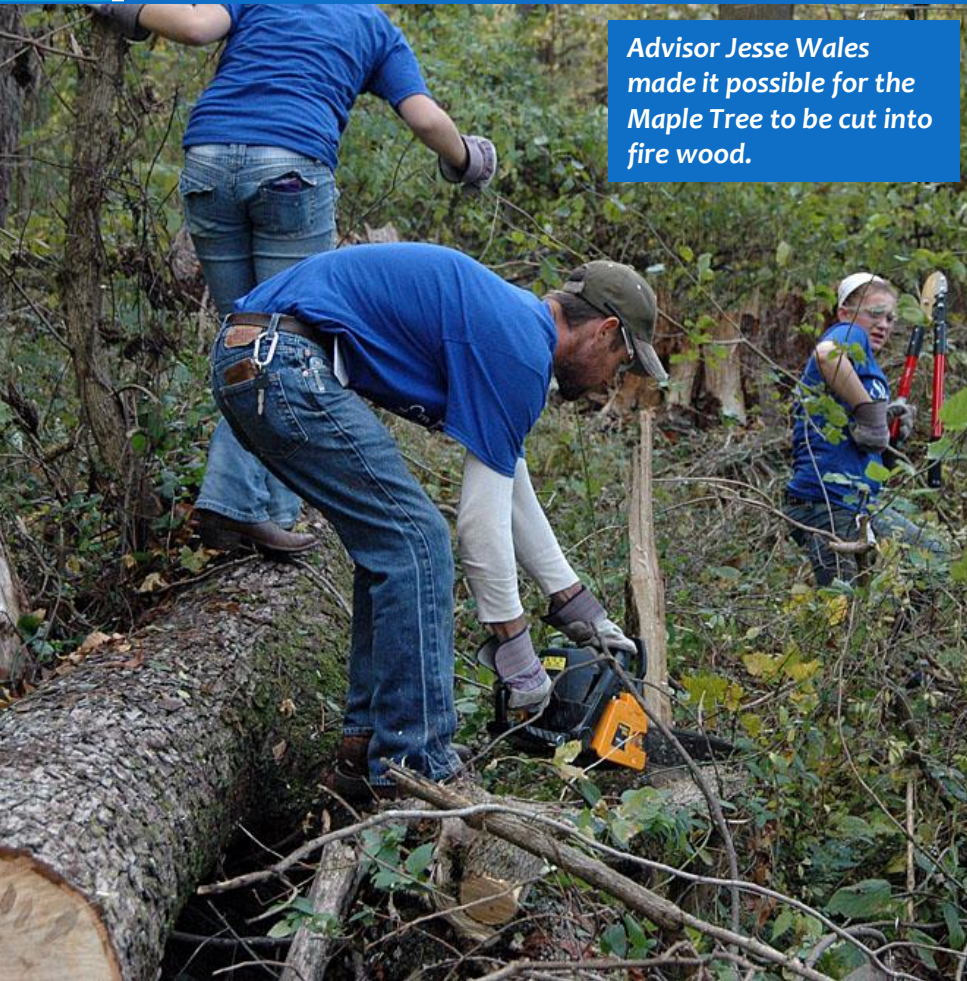


At left: KY Tech-Carroll Co. ATC advisor Chuck Hollingsworth (center of photo) gives direction for the re-seeding project next to the Butler-Turpin House.

Students were required to dig up approximately 8 x 10 square feet of land for the project.



Project: Clear wood and cut up large Maple Tree for firewood



Advisor Jesse Wales made it possible for the Maple Tree to be cut into fire wood.

At left: Bullitt Co. ATC advisor Jesse Wales brought his personal chainsaw to assist with cutting up a large Maple Tree that had fallen near the Butler-Turpin Home. His students cleared the area and put the debris into a front end loader for park personnel.

Not only was land cleared, but the wood was taken to the campground to be used for building camp fires.

"This was a great accomplishment," said Wales, "I'm proud of how hard they worked and their efforts to complete this job."

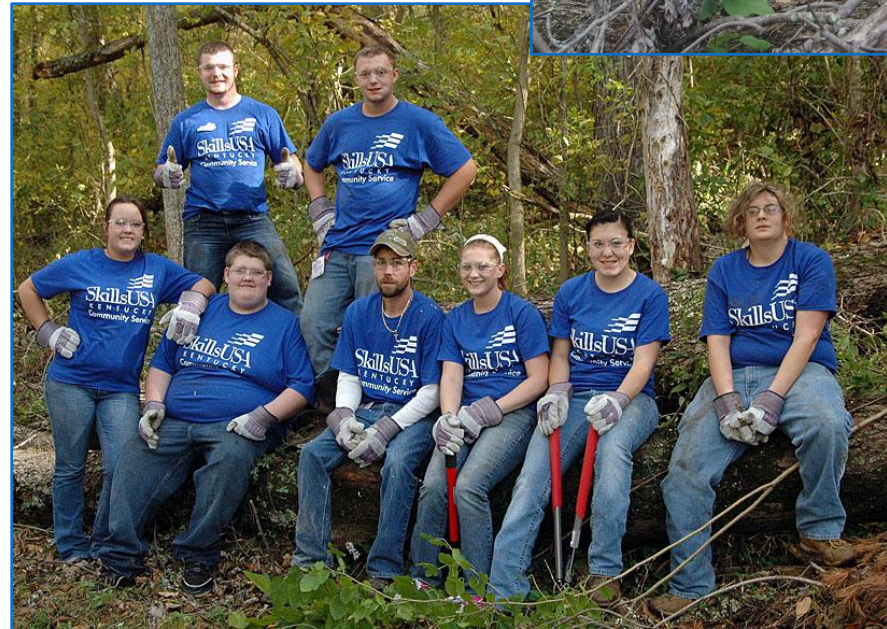


Photo at right: Bullitt Co. ATC SkillsUSA team and two state officers participated in this project. All participants in this project definitely expended a lot of energy throughout the day.

Project: Clear rock at Campground and build fire pits at Primitive Camp Sites



Russellville ATC SkillsUSA Chapter. At far right, (l to r) state officers Dakota Bray and Bell Co. ATC state officer Michael Huddleston.



Clearing loose rock and debris from the park's main campground was done by the Russellville ATC SkillsUSA Chapter. Additionally, advisor Melissa Jones split her students into small groups and they collected rock that could be used to build 11 fire pits at sites in the primitive campground down the road.

Dakota Bray, SkillsUSA KY state officer:

"I take great pride in the SkillsUSA organization, but there is a special feeling you get when you see many members bann[ing] together to work hard and improve our community."

"Many students demonstrated their integrity and initiative by leading through example during the statewide community service project at General Butler State Park during our Kentucky Leadership Training Institute. This reflects the core values of our SkillsUSA organization."

Project: Culinary students from Southside Technical Center help in state park restaurant



The SkillsUSA KY day of community service provided something for everyone. Even the state park restaurant was blessed with five additional sets of hands to help make, bake, and clean the kitchen during the day.

All of the food was prepared under the watchful eyes of the Two Rivers Restaurant assistant chef (Shannon). And, all of the food was used to feed KLT I participants in the restaurant buffet.



Top left photo, (l to r) Rosa Hernandez and Ana Contreras used their skills to help prepare desserts to feed KLT I participants. They were allowed to develop their own creation . . . Apple-Carmel delight.

Bottom left photo, Rebecca Hughes, Lindsey Reed, and Joy McKenzie show off their work with some of the finished meat and vegetable dishes ready for the oven.

Commissioner Elaine Walker praises work of SkillsUSA KY students at General Butler



Commissioner Elaine Walker meets with SkillsUSA KY state officers. Photo at left, (l to r): Zachary Evrard, Kelli Carpenter, Whitley Brummet, Walker, Shelby King, Josie Monarch, Dakota Bray, and Michael Huddleston.

KY Department of Parks Commissioner Elaine Walker made a special trip to General Butler State to personally thank SkillsUSA KY community service participants for their hard work in completing numerous projects.

And, to her surprise, the SkillsUSA Bullitt Co. ATC Chapter had a special gift to present to her too. The welding and carpentry classes partner in making special projects and their gift was a “Cattails welding sculpture.” The chapter would like to promote their talents by selling this item and other like items at Kentucky State Parks.

Photo at right:
Elaine Walker
(center) is
presented with her
“Cattails.”

At left, Jesse Wales,
advisor and far
right, Brady
Southwood,
principal.



Walker:

“SkillsUSA is one of those rare programs that not only teaches young people real-life skills, but also the importance of contributing to your community. They have made dramatic improvements to General Butler State Resort Park, from repairing a brick walkway at an historic site to painting building exteriors to making repairs and creating fire pits at the campground to name just a few. Despite the hard work, these young people were determined to make a difference – and, they did.”

KLTI Awards and Recognition



Each year, KLTI concludes with competitive events that serve as a means for students to validate what they have learned throughout the leadership training institute. This year, Red, Blue and Gold teams competed in the following events:

2 Minute Speech Contest

- 1st: Scott Azure, Eastside TC – Gold Team
- 2nd: Dustin Stewart, HJH ATC - Blue Team
- 3rd: Trea Hamilton, HJH ATC – Red Team

Banner Contest

- 1st: Malik Alleyne-Jones, PRP HS – Red Team
- 2nd: Taylor Alvey, Bullitt Co. ATC – Gold Team
- 3rd: Evein Taylor, McCreary Central HS – Red Team

20 Second Elevator Story

- 1st: Austin Board, Breckinridge Co. ATC – Gold Team
- 2nd: Kaylee Crabtree, McCreary Central – Blue Team
- 3rd: Trea Hamilton, HJH ATC – Red Team

Creed Contest

- 1st: Emily Jones, Henderson CTC – Blue Team
- 2nd: Ashley Abner, HJH ATC – Blue Team
- 3rd: Austin Board, Breckinridge Co. ATC – Gold Team



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Extemporaneous Writing Contest

- 1st: Amanda Cain, Breckinridge Co. ATC – Blue Team
- 2nd: Tiara Watters, McCreary Co. HS – Gold Team
- 3rd: Katelyn Frye, Bullitt Co. ATC – Red Team

Pin Design

- 1st: Stephen Richards, Breckinridge Co. ATC – Red Team
- 2nd: Katy Kinser, Russellville ATC – Red Team
- 3rd: Jeremy Bird, Lincoln Co. ATC – Red Team

KLTI T-Shirt Design Contest

- 1st: Sarah Richards, Breckinridge Co. ATC– Blue Team
- 2nd: Rosa Hernandez, Southside TC – Blue Team
- 3rd: Joshua Floyd, Henderson CTC – Blue Team

SkillsUSA Pledge Contest

- 1st: Michael Jenkins, Barren Co. ATC– Red Team
- 2nd: Trevor Brown, Russellville ATC– Gold Team
- 3rd: Kyle Deaton, Southside TC – Gold Team

SkillsUSA Spelling

- 1st: Katy Kinser, Russellville ATC– Red Team
- 2nd: Amanda Cain, Breckinridge Co. ATC - Blue Team
- 3rd: Malik Alleyne-Jones, PRP HS – Red Team

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Above: Russellville ATC Opening and Closing Team
1st place winners at the 2012 KLTI OCC competition

Opening and Closing Ceremony School/Chapter Contest

1st Place Team

KY Tech – Russellville Area
Technology Center

2nd Place Team

Chapman Career and Technical Center

3rd Place Team

Eastside Technical Center

Understanding the symbolic representation of the colors and parts of the SkillsUSA emblem are an important part of having a SkillsUSA chapter. This year, KLTI provided its members with an Opening and Closing Ceremony training session conducted by Nikole K. Clausen, Associate Director of Training with the national SkillsUSA office. Students learned about leadership qualities including teamwork, coordinated activities, , proper room setup, , stage presence, voice control, accuracy of presentation, and a sense of order when conducting business. Clausen explained how the ceremonies also reinforce basic SkillsUSA beliefs.

The first place team, Russellville ATC Chapter, is under the direction of advisor Melissa Jones.



Southside Technical Center wins SkillsUSA Community Service Participation Award

Great community service can be achieved when leadership supports the effort and/or takes an active role in the participation of services. During the official KLT awards ceremony, Southside Technical Center was recognized for bringing the most participants (18) to donate time, effort and skills in the statewide community service project at General Butler. This is a favorable reflection on the school's leadership.

Kentucky Tourism, Arts and Heritage Cabinet Deputy Secretary Lindy Casebier was on hand to personally congratulate Southside Chapter members and advisors.

SkillsUSA Kentucky presented a 12' ladder to the school chapter for its official award. The significance of the ladder is that it had been used during community service activities at the park and was given to the chapter to be used for other projects at the local level.



*Daryn Morris, Principal
Southside Technical Center:*

"We enjoy KLT and believe our students gain great benefit from participation. This is where our officer group becomes a team of officers."

Russellville ATC wins SkillsUSA Travel Award



During the 2012 Awards Ceremony, Russellville ATC Chapter members were recognized as the group that traveled the farthest to attend the 2013 Kentucky Leadership Training Institute.

The prize: a 12' ladder. The ladder was used during the community service portion of the fall leadership conference.

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Bullitt Co. ATC wins “tool” Award

KY Tech-Bullitt Co. ATC advisor Jesse Wales was awarded a 12' ladder because of his efforts in brining and using a chainsaw to cut up a fallen Maple Tree in close proximity to the Butler Turpin House. He was also responsible for bringing extra tools that were greatly needed for the community service project.





**Message from Fran Dundon
SkillsUSA KY State Director
(August 2011-October 2012):**



***“We are very proud of our SkillsUSA Kentucky state officer team for stepping up to lead by example. Their commitment of actively engaging SkillsUSA members in a statewide community service project with Kentucky State Parks is an outstanding testament of their leadership training. Improving good will through services donated by SkillsUSA Kentucky chapters is a key part of the SkillsUSA experience and is something our state officer team has taken very seriously.*”**

***“One hundred and three SkillsUSA Kentucky students and advisors used their technical education and skills training to complete several major projects and a few minor projects during the 6-hour community service blitz. We are blessed in Kentucky to have so many good advisors and students who are willing to come together for the good of the whole. The results were outstanding – in terms of accomplishments and the value of good ole fashion hard work backed up by skilled volunteers. It will be very interesting to see all the state park projects that get completed over this school year.*”**

***“Finally, KLTi serves as a vehicle to inspire and educate members in the why and what of leadership development including its roles, responsibilities, and SkillsUSA organizational knowledge and tools. We take seriously the theme, “preparing for leadership in the work of work,” and consciously create environments where students gain confidence in meeting the challenges placed before them. We believe we have made a difference and the results serve as a benchmark for our successes.”*”**